

Bailey Smith, Executive Director of the Atlantic Area Chamber of Commerce said.

Cole volunteered for numerous community activities, including Red Cross community blood drives, RAGBRAI, AtlanticFest, Coca-Cola Days, Christmas in Atlantic Ice-Skating Rink, and more. One of his favorite days among them was enlisting at a company picnic for a local organization. There, he manned bouncy castles and was able to interact with a lot of great community members.

"A big lesson I learned from these experiences was the importance of coordination and communication. I saw the many details and all the preparation that goes into events like these and how it can go smoothly if things are well planned and executed. I come from a family who believes in volunteering," Cole stated.

Volunteerism is significant to the entire Sampson family, Cole's mother Jackie being an encouraging force for Cole to continue volunteering within his community. His grandmother, Eleanor Hoover, was also a role model for what it means to be a true member of the community.

"My grandmother was always ready to help in the community in any way she was able, whether it was with sporting competitions, YMCA events, or with anyone else who needed a hand," said Cole.

Maintaining a rural community takes many hands and the work is never finished. Atlantic's Silver Cord Scholarship program is a great example of not only how to maintain a community, but also how to instill from a young age a sense of purpose and pride in giving back for the greater good. Because of that early engagement and opportunity to learn, a young man is carrying important Iowa values with him from Atlantic to Ames and beyond. I am proud to recognize Cole for his dedication to supporting his hometown and causes that make a meaningful, local impact. I am even prouder knowing there are many young people from communities across southwest Iowa who are carrying that same spirit forward as they embark on the next phase. It is my honor to share Cole Sampson's story and recognize him as our Iowan of the Week.

#### REMEMBERING THE LIFE OF INA RAE BURDMAN LEVY

#### HON. TIM RYAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 11, 2020*

Mr. RYAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Ina Rae Burdman Levy, of Sarasota, Florida, who passed away peacefully Sunday, Aug. 30, 2020, at the age of 91.

Mrs. Levy was born July 22, 1929, to Harry and Doris Burdman, in Youngstown, Ohio. Each of her parents immigrated to the United States from Russia in the 1920s. Mrs. Levy was raised in Youngstown, and in 1957, she married the love of her life, Rabbi Theodore S. Levy. Together for 48 beautiful years, they lived in Huntington, West Virginia, and Waterbury, Connecticut, and then settled with their family in Syracuse, New York, for 30 years. After Syracuse they spent 10 years on Hilton Head Island, where Rabbi Levy died in 2004. Ina Rae moved to Sarasota, Florida and into the Sarasota Bay Club, where she enjoyed

continued community work, new friends and being closer to her children and grandchildren.

Mrs. Levy's life was full of educational pursuits, community involvement, philanthropic work, family and travel. Ina Rae Levy earned her Bachelor of Science degree in education in 1967 and a Master of Science degree in family therapy in 1972 from Syracuse University. Her relationship with Syracuse University continued throughout the 1970s while she worked as an assistant professor and assistant to the dean in the College of Human Development. Mrs. Levy was involved in innumerable local and worldwide organizations and received many awards as a result of her impact in those organizations. She was vice president of the New York State Federations of Women's Clubs and was the first president of the Women's Assembly of Syracuse Jewish Federation. Levy was also active in the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods and was the president of her district. As a vice chair for the World Union for Progressive Judaism, she traveled extensively with her husband, visiting member Reform Congregations around the world. While in Syracuse, Mrs. Levy was also the president of the prestigious Upstate Medical Center. Levy once received the Hannah G. Solomon Award from the National Council of Jewish Women.

Mrs. Levy was also tireless in her devotion to the equality and advancement of women. She was named by the Syracuse Post-Standard as the Woman of Achievement in Career Development in 1972 and again in 1985 she was named the Overall Woman of Achievement. In addition, she was always involved in and passionate about Planned Parenthood and The League of Women Voters wherever she lived. One of Ina Rae's proudest achievements was being the only woman invited to participate in the first ordination of Rabbis since the Holocaust in Dresden, Germany.

When Mrs. Levy moved to Sarasota, she once again became active in her synagogue, became an active member of the American Jewish Committee (AJC), chairing fundraising events in both Sarasota and Tampa. She always was concerned with the plight of Jews around the world. In 2005, Mrs. Levy was instrumental in the donation of a Holocaust Torah from a synagogue in Youngstown to a small synagogue in a small Russian community. She regretted not being able to attend the Torah dedication herself.

Despite all of the accolades and achievements, foremost for Mrs. Levy was her love for her family. She had three younger brothers, Ronald, B. Richard and Kenneth Burdman, all who predeceased her. She leaves behind two sisters-in-law, Babette Burdman and Marsha Burdman and their families. In addition to her children, Seth (and wife, Alice), Cyndi and Jonathan (and wife, Karen), she leaves five grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. They were all the joys of her life.

I sincerely thank Mrs. Levy for her years of dedicated service and activism. She truly embodied the spirit and grit of the Mahoning Valley. I am proud to be friends with Mrs. Levy's son, Jonathan, and his wife, Karen. My deepest condolences go out to Mrs. Levy's entire family, and to all whose lives she touched.

#### APPRECIATING BILL RISER

#### HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 11, 2020*

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, the Midlands of South Carolina is appreciating the extraordinary service of the late Bill Riser, as so well revered by The Times and Democrat of Orangeburg on August 21, 2020:

JOHN W. RISER SR.

WEST COLUMBIA—On Monday, Aug. 17, 2020, John William "Bill" Riser Sr., loving husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather, passed away at the age of 86 after a short illness.

Bill was born on Jan. 4, 1934, in Bowman, to the late Thomas "Doc" Riser Sr. and Nell Weathers Riser. He received a BS degree from Clemson University in 1957, where he played basketball from 1952-56. He was on the first Clemson team to play in the first ACC Conference in 1954. He worked for the Clemson University Extension Service in Aiken, Saluda and Richland counties retiring in 1989. In 2015, he was in the first class of inductees to be inducted into the A. Frank Lever County Extension Agent Hall of Fame for service to S.C. and the farming industry.

Bill also served in the South Carolina House of Representatives from 1991-2002 for House District No. 69, Lexington County. His tenure in the House included effective membership on the critical Ways and Means Committee and on the budget subcommittee for Higher Education, TECH, and Cultural, as well as his vital chairmanship of the legislative Personnel and Benefits Subcommittee. He was also a member of the Agricultural, Natural Resources and Environment Affairs Committee for four years.

Bill served his community well, and never met a stranger. When he became Richland County's top agent, he became a media star, hosting the Early Riser show from 1976-89, and was a columnist for The State. A longtime farmer and extension agent, he never refused to share plant and garden tips as he traveled the countryside. Bill was a former Jaycee, Lion's Club member, and worked with the youth in the 4-H program in Saluda County.

He is survived by his wife of 62 years, Peggy Ann Gwinn Riser. They raised three children, Deborah A. Riser of Columbia, Karen R. Roof (Robert) of Eastover and John W. Riser Jr. (Jennifer) of Atlanta; four grandchildren, Caldwell Roof, Kirsten McClam, Emma Riser and Chloe Riser; as well as one great-grandchild, Drakeford McClam.

#### HONORING EMORY ALTIZER

#### HON. H. MORGAN GRIFFITH

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 11, 2020*

Mr. GRIFFITH. Madam Speaker, I rise in honor of Emory Ralph Altizer of Cedar Bluff, Virginia, who passed away on August 29 at the age of 99. Once recognized as America's oldest coal miner, Mr. Altizer represented the strong work ethic, spirit, patriotism, and faith that characterize the people of Virginia's Ninth Congressional District whom I am honored to serve.

Mr. Altizer was a native of Tazewell County, born on August 12, 1921 to William and Chloe